GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF YAMUNA ACTION PLAN
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that cleaning of Yamuna river and saving it from pollution under the Yamuna Action Plan could be implemented only in 2001 even after strong directives from the Hon`ble Supreme Court and investment of nearly Rs. 75 crore;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to initiate any inquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) A project for cleaning of river Yamuna in Haryana, Delhi and U.P. namely, Yamuna Action Plan Phase-I was approved in 1993. The works under this Plan funded by Japan Bank for International Cooperation have been completed on 19.02.2003. Total expenditure incurred on the project is Rs. 680 crore. Out of the approved capacity of 743 million litres per day (mld) of sewage treatment, a capacity to treat 728 mld has been created. The works for the remaining capacity of 15 mld are under implementation. In addition, Government of National Capital Terrority of Delhi has also taken up works of construction of sewage treatment plants at 17 locations.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.